## STATE OF NEBRASKA



## **Life Safety Code Requirements For Existing Residential Board and Care Occupancies**



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## **Small Facilities – 16 or Fewer Residents**

**Construction Type** Prompt - No Requirements

Slow – 15 minute thermal barrier for structure, or fire

sprinkler protection

Impractical – One hour protection for structure, or fire

sprinkler protection\

Number of

Prompt\* - Two per story. One may be a window **Means of Escape** 

*Slow and Impracial\** - Two per story. \*One per story if fire sprinkler protected.

**Primary Means of** 

**Escape** 

*Prompt* – All living and sleeping areas must have access

to a primary, protected means of escape.

Slow and Impractial – Same as Prompt; also cannot be Exposed to common living areas and kitchens unless fire sprinkler protected with residential sprinkler heads.

**Secondary Means** of Escape

Prompt, Slow and Impractical - Each sleeping room must provide an outside door, window or protected passage to

outside unless fire sprinkler protected.

**Interior Stairs** 20 minute fire rated except as noted below.

> *Prompt* – An unprotected stair is permitted in any occupancy of eight or fewer residents that is fire sprinkler protected with residential heads, as long as secondary means of escape

and smoke detection rules are met in full.

Prompt and Slow – A secondary stair in a fire sprinkler protected building with residential heads may be open when

a protected, primary means of escape is available.

Impractical – 20 minute rated.

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**Locks on Doors** *Prompt, Slow and Impractical* – Locks requiring more than a

Single action to open are not permitted on egress doors,

unless delayed egress locks are provided.

Hazardous Areas Prompt, Slow and Impractical – Protected by one hour fire

rating with 45 minute rated doors, or fire sprinkler protected.

**Interior Finish** *Prompt* - Class A, B or C

Slow and Impractical\* - Class A or B. \*Class C, if fire sprinkler protected.

Fire Alarm System Prompt, Slow and Impractical\* - Interconnected smoke

detectors on each level and in all common living areas with

at least one manual pull station per floor.

\*In buildings protected by a fire sprinkler system with residential heads, all smoke detection may be omitted except all sleeping rooms must have smoke detectors.

**Fire Sprinkler System** *Prompt and Slow* – Not Required. NFPA 13D system

permitted.

Impractical - Modified NFPA 13D system is required.

**Corridor Walls** *Prompt* – No fire rating required. Smoketight construction.

Slow and Impractical - 20 minute fire rated walls with 1 3/4

inch-thick doors to sleeping rooms, or fire sprinkler

protection.

**Door Closers** Prompt, Slow and Impractical - Door closers required,

Unless fire sprinkler protected.